



## Rosanne (Arruda) Keating, of Lunenburg

September 5, 1950 - January 21, 2026

Rosanne (Arruda) Keating was welcomed into the loving arms of God and her parents in heaven on January 21, 2026.

Rosanne was born on September 5, 1950 in the Flint area of Fall River, Massachusetts to Louis and Angelina (Leite) Arruda. She was a 1968 graduate of Durfee High School, a 1972 graduate of Fitchburg State College majoring in Early Childhood Education and received her Master's degree in English as a Second Language from Boston State College in 1976.

Rosanne taught for 34 years in the Fitchburg Public School System. She worked as a Title 1 Instructor, Kindergarten teacher as well as a Reading teacher and English as a Second Language teacher.

Rosanne is survived by her husband of 54 years, Stephen J Keating of Lunenburg, MA, a sister Theresa Arruda-Tanner and her husband, Carl, of Oakley, CA. She leaves her 2 children, Melissa (Keating) Roane and her son-in-law Bert Roane of Greenup, KY, Abi Keating of Lunenburg, MA, grandchildren Kaitlyn R. Roane of Greenup, KY, Hannah A. Roane of Leominster, MA, Brendan K. Roane of Greenup, KY and the joy of her life, great-granddaughter Grace, in Rosanne's words: the "pepper of my life" of Greenup, KY. In addition, Rosanne is survived by her sisters-in-law Paula Keating Beauvais (William), Kerry Keating Boudreau (Steven), Scherrie

Keating (Shawn), and Maureen Keating (Paul) and her brother-in-law Christopher Keating (partner Laurie Raimon).

Rosanne was a most gentle and loving person who enjoyed sitting on the beach in South Carolina, tending to her flowers and plants, giving heartfelt advice to her grandchildren, keeping up with her favorite movies on the Hallmark Channel, cavorting around town with her sisters-in-law Paula Beauvais and Kerry Boudreau and keeping in touch with her lifelong friends, Margaret Clancy, cousin Helen Jackson, Madeline McHugh, Betty Berthiaume, as well as her Southern friends Kim Catrone, Elaine Martin, Vicky Bartus and Sue Taylor of South Carolina.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday morning, January 28 at St. Boniface Church, 817 Massachusetts Avenue, Lunenburg, at 10:00am followed by the celebration of a funeral Mass at 11:00am. A private burial will take place in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Fitchburg, Massachusetts in the Spring.

A reception will take place immediately following the funeral service at Slattery's Restaurant on Lunenburg Street in Fitchburg. All are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers please consider sending a generous contribution to Lunenburg Turkey Hill Family Lions Club Food Bank, PO Box 316, Lunenburg, MA 01462.

Rosanne's family wishes to gratefully thank the angels of HealthAlliance Home Health and Hospice of UMASS Memorial Health Care for the kindness, gentleness, and consideration they offered to Rosanne and her family through her last days.

# Cemetery Details

## St Bernard's Cemetery

96 Goodrich St  
Fitchburg, MA 01420  
(978) 342-4820

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

JAN 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Boniface Church  
Mass Ave  
Lunenburg, MA

## Funeral Mass

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Boniface Church  
Mass Ave  
Lunenburg, MA

# Tribute Wall

BP

“ Steve - Bill and I were so saddened to hear of your wife, Rosanne's passing. Please accept our most sincere condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very difficult time.  
Bill & Jan Pothier

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**Bill & Jan Pothier** - February 04 at 11:46 PM

DW

“ Dewayne , Rebecca, Grace and Will purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rosanne (Arruda) Keating, of Lunenburg.



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**Dewayne , Rebecca, Grace and Will** - January 27 at 09:12 PM

LP

“ Linda P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosanne (Arruda) Keating, of Lunenburg.

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**Linda P.** - January 27 at 09:34 AM

LP

“ Rosanne and I met in high school in Fall River and soon became very close friends. Summers at Horseneck Beach, riding around the city in cars at night, dancing up a storm at the Venus de Milo, helping her family decorate the Christmas tree... she was sweet, smart, and you couldn't ask for a better friend. We did see each other off and on over the years, always promising to spend more time together than we did. I send my heartfelt sympathy to her whole family.

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**Linda Post** - January 27 at 09:29 AM

LW

“ Roseanne and I taught I know together at Lunenburg elementary school after she graduated from college. She was always sweet and kind to everyone and lots of fun. I know she will be missed by Steve her children and the entire Keating family.  
*Linda McCarthy White*

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**linda White** - January 23 at 05:23 PM

JB

“ The McCarthy sisters share sincere condolences to Steve, his family, & the entire Keating family. Our sister Maureen always keeps us up-to-date on the visits & fun she has with her sister-in-laws. Maureen & Paul will miss Rosanne very much.

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**Jane Burke** - January 23 at 03:52 PM

PA

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to the Keating family. Ron and I have many wonderful memories of time spent with Rosanne. We had many happy times together as cousins, growing up together in New England. She was a wonderful person, a good friend, and a loving mother, who touched many lives with her kindness. She will be missed by all who knew her.  
*Sincerely,  
Pat and Ronald Mongeon*

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**Patricia** - January 23 at 02:08 PM

MG

*I send my deepest condolences to Steve and his entire family.  
Monique Bachand Greilich*

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**Monique Greilich** - January 23 at 04:51 PM

CD

*Roseanne was one of my first student teachers at TC Passios Elementary in Lunenburg. She was a natural teacher, loved kids, and we enjoyed working together. She will be sadly missed. We send our sincerest condolences to Steve, Melissa and the family.*  
*Cyndy Daukantas*

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**Cyndy Daukantas** - January 24 at 08:31 AM

CD

*So sorry for the loss of a Beautiful soul Roseanne. Thoughts & Prayer are with you at this difficult time. Much Love & Strength to you all.*  
*Colleen (Mullen) Davieau*

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**Colleen Davieau** - January 24 at 09:54 PM